

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Teacher of
English

Application
Pack



Closing Date: Monday 15th April
2024 - midday

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Interview Date: Thursday 18th
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Diocese of Lancaster
Education Service
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Welcome to St Mary's Catholic Academy

Thank you for considering St. Mary's Catholic Academy for the next stage in your career. We are seeking to appoint a talented teacher of English. The role starts from 1st September 2024. We can offer a full time or part time role, dependant upon the needs of the successful candidate. The post would suit an ECT or an experienced teacher. The successful candidate will be able to teach English at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. With the potential for teaching some Key Stage 5 in time.

Applications must be sent electronically to admin@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk by midday on Monday 15th April 2024.

St Mary's is a highly regarded oversubscribed Catholic Academy in Blackpool in the Diocese of Lancaster. The school is very much a Catholic family where everyone works together to support and challenge one another to be the best they can be.

Our Catholic Ethos founded on the hallmarks of:

Catholic

Caring

Community

Challenge

is key to our success. Students and staff are all encouraged, as our mission statement states, to grow in wisdom, understanding, self-esteem and closeness to God. Many of our staff and students are Catholic or Christian, we are joined by a number of staff and students who aren't, anyone is welcome to be part of our family as long as they are willing to support and contribute to the ethos and success of the Academy.

As Head Teacher, I believe that a happy, highly trained and well supported staff is the key to our success. Staff at St Mary's received a full induction programme and access our outstanding weekly professional development. All teaching staff also have 90 minutes of additional non-contact time per fortnight to focus on their own area of interest in enhanced professional development. New staff are also supported by regular, weekly coaching meetings and support from their subject areas; a range of leadership development programmes is also available.

St Mary's is designated as Blackpool's research school and provides staff with the opportunity to benefit from the latest research and evidence in education. Everything we do, whether that be our innovative key stage 3 reading programme; our approach to revision and practice homework; or the design of our professional development curriculum for teachers; is researched evidence based.

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Staff wellbeing is also a key part of our success as a school. A hard-working staff should be well supported and cared for to allow them to meet the demands made of teachers in a modern context. All staff are provided with their own personal laptop and extensive training and the support of colleagues. Staff are able to take advantage of the Schools Advisory Service Wellbeing package which offers access to Counselling, 24 hour GP helpline, Health advice and support, Physiotherapy advice and a range of other services. A well-resourced support team of IT technicians, admin staff, chaplaincy staff and site staff work hard to make sure the Academy runs smoothly and that teaching staff are well supported to focus on our core business of teaching. Workload issues are regularly discussed with our staff committee and policies around marking, assessment, reporting and home work are carefully designed to try and manage the workload for staff. An email protocol ensures staff are not disturbed by emails in an evening and small gestures like tea, coffee and biscuits served by our amazing housekeepers, free access to the school fitness suite; free annual flu jabs; a car valet service and regular staff social events all help to make our Academy and Trust a rewarding place to work. All of this work takes place in state of the art facilities. St Mary's was lucky enough to benefit from a 22.5 million point partial rebuild and refurbishment, we are so lucky to work in one of the best school building in the region.

Staff retention is high at St Mary's because staff are valued and in return work hard to ensure our students achieve the best possibly outcomes. If what you have read so far is exciting and you feel that St Mary's is a community in which you will thrive and make a positive contribution to our ethos and journey, then we would love to receive your application. You will find more information about St Mary's and information specific to this role and the application process in the rest of this document. You can also find further information out about the Academy on our website.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Simon Eccles
Headteacher

CEO Welcome

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the role of Teacher of English at St. Mary's Catholic Academy. St. Mary's is part of the Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust (BEBCMAT).

This is a fabulous opportunity for you to join us and work with a fantastic group of committed staff who believe strongly in education and working to improve the life chances of our children and young people.

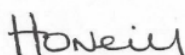
The core principles of the Trust are to educate the whole person, aiming for excellence and working together for the Common Good. Through collective responsibility, united in our Catholic faith, the Trust strives to enable each school to thrive spiritually, academically and financially so that all of the children and young people can 'belong, engage and become' – and reach their full potential by realising their God-given talents.

The Trust works in partnership as one family of schools, whilst maintaining and celebrating the uniqueness of each individual school and the community it serves. We are a values-driven Trust. Our core values of Trust, Respect, Faith, Hope and Service are our hallmarks. These values underpin all of our relationships; between staff, pupils, families, our wider parishes and local communities.

In our Trust, we welcome people who share our vision and our absolute commitment to our pupils, our staff, our families, parishes and the wider communities we serve.

If you believe you have the knowledge, skills and experience to make a positive contribution then we would welcome an application from you.

Yours sincerely,



Helen O'Neill
Chief Executive Officer

What others say about St. Mary's

OFSTED

A full Ofsted Inspection of St Mary's in May 2022 was extremely positive and confirmed that St Mary's Catholic Academy continues to be good in all areas. Inspectors noted in relation to curriculum that: "Leaders have ensured that pupils follow a suitably ambitious curriculum. Pupils achieve well overall. This includes pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and disadvantaged pupils. Students in the sixth form receive an especially strong quality of education." They were also pleased to see in relation to behaviour that: "Pupils behave well in lessons and around the school. They are polite and well mannered. They enjoy positive relationships with one another." We were pleased that inspectors noted the strength of personal development: "Pupils benefit from a strong programme of personal development. This includes age appropriate relationships and sex education and health education. Pupils learn about other cultures and beliefs. Teachers prepare pupils well for life in modern Britain." and our focus on the well-being and development of staff: "Leaders are passionate about supporting the well-being of staff. They put a strong emphasis on professional development, including research. They care for their staff. Teachers appreciate the efforts made by leaders to reduce their workload. Staff enjoy working at the school."

You can read full copy of the report here: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50187176>

Diocesan Section 48 inspection

Our Diocesan Inspection Report in graded us as "Good". The Academy was graded as "Outstanding" in Catholic life and mission and Collective worship. A copy of the full report is available on the Academy website. Some of the inspector's findings were:

- The school has exceptionally high standards of pastoral care and support for its students. Through the extensive range of services, student welfare is given the highest priority.
- Provision for chaplaincy, as well as the impact this team make on the lives of the students and staff, in and beyond the school is outstanding.
- Sixth form core religious education is very strong and strengthens the distinctive offer to Catholic students.
- The headteacher, leadership team, governors and trust board show a great dedication to the development of St Mary's as an inclusive and caring school. The highest priority is given to Christian formation and academic success.
- A very strong commitment to Catholic social teaching is evident throughout this community and students proactively engage in charity work.
- The strong sense of community is a defining characteristic and visitors often remark on the warm and inclusive atmosphere, extending to individuals of all faith backgrounds, making them feel part of the Catholic community.

Trust Schools



Christ the King
Catholic
Academy



Sacred Heart
Catholic
Primary School



St. Cuthbert's
Catholic
Academy



St. Kentigern's
Catholic
Primary School



St. Mary's
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Academy



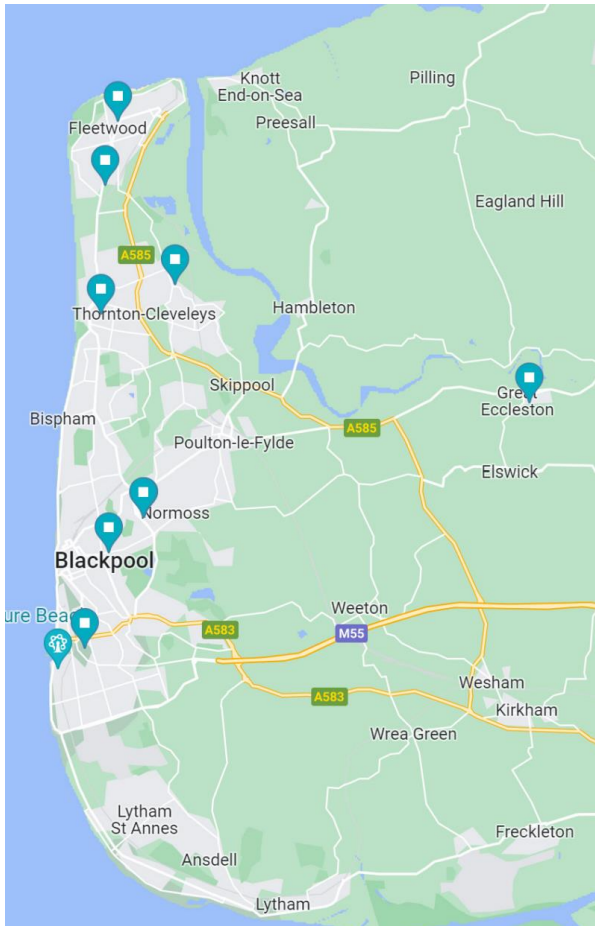
St. Mary's
Catholic
Primary School



St. Teresa's
Catholic
Primary School



St. Wulstan's &
St. Edmund's
Catholic
Academy



Joining 1st April 2024:



**Holy Family Catholic
Primary School**



**St William's Catholic
Primary School**

How to apply

Application process:

Candidates should complete a CES application form (attached to the advert on the Academy website: <https://www.st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk/recruitment-homepage/>) and a letter of application, the details of which can be found below. Please do not include a CV as this will not be considered as part of the process.

Evidence will be drawn from:

- Letter in support of application.
- Application Form.
- Lesson observation & task.
- Response to questions during interview.
- References.

Letter of application should:

- Be clear, concise and well presented.
- Demonstrate how you meet the person specification.
- Describe your vision for teaching and learning in the English Department at St. Mary's Catholic Academy in the 21st Century.
- Be no more than two sides of A4 in length.

Your application should be addressed to the Headteacher, Mr. S. Eccles and can be submitted electronically to admin@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk

We will acknowledge receipt of your application.

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Post Details:

Grade: Teachers' Pay Scale

Salary: Teachers' Pay Scale

Contract: Permanent

Hours: Full-time

Start Date: 1st September 2024

Information for candidates

English Department Information

PERSONNEL

The staffing from September 2024 is:

Mr Simon Eccles	Headteacher and Senior Line Manager
Mrs Jenna Lavis	Head of English Department
Mrs Michelle Glass	Teacher of English and Second in English
Miss Monica Fitzpatrick	Teacher of English, Associate Assistant Head Teacher / HoY8
Mrs Laura Lovatt	Teacher of English and Key stage three English coordinator (part time)
Miss Chloe Ozkan	Teacher of English
Mrs Laura Parry	Teacher of English and Head of Year 10
Mrs Lyndsey Pickworth	Teacher of English and Head of Year 7
Miss Elena Tallentire	Teacher of English
Miss Elissa Thackwray	Teacher of English
Mrs Tina Williamson	Teacher of English (part time)
Miss Bethany Lewis	Teacher of English

CURRICULUM

The post will involve teaching English at various key stages.

At Key Stage 3, St Mary's English Department offers a rich and varied curriculum. Thematic modules provide inspiring and exciting challenges for all learners.

At Key Stage 4, we currently follow the AQA English Language and English Literature specifications.

We offer two AS / A2 subjects: English Literature and English Language. Both subjects are popular and engaging, leading to successful outcomes for our students.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation consists of an eight classroom learning house, along with a covered outside area that is shared with Modern Foreign Languages. The rooms are bright and well-resourced with fixed LCD flat screens in each learning space. There is some variety in the learning spaces available which would allow for different approaches to the teaching of English to be explored.

Information for candidates

PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS

In line with the Academy Raising Achievement Plan, the English Department will work towards the following Key Goals:

Transforming Learning

The department is keen to develop further extra-curricular provisions, specifically around the area of creative writing and English within the world of the Media. We work closely with the Academy Learning Resource Centre and would like to further strengthen connections between the Department and the Library. Regular theatre trips complement our Department ethos and we are always looking for opportunities to bring Literature to life!

Due to national changes within English, the Department has created new KS3 schemes of work to ensure that students are prepared for the new GCSE curriculum, whilst simultaneously offering them the opportunity to be creative and enjoy the subject. By working closely with the Blackpool Research School, we are continually reflecting on practice and pedagogy, revising schemes of work as necessary and we look forward to a fresh input.

Further Raise Achievement & Attainment at GCSE & A-Level

Further work will be completed with our high achieving students and with those who are capable of reaching top grades at GCSE and A-Level. We look forward to developing new strategies to stretch and challenge these students during their completion of the new GCSE and A-Level qualifications.

To Further Strengthen Our Catholic Ethos

The English Department is vibrant and thriving with a broad range of teaching experience. We are a supportive network of committed staff, working as a team to encourage progression, success and enjoyment at work. We have an excellent history with supporting ITT students. We will continue to offer places for trainee teachers, observation placements for University students and will maintain our excellent partnerships with training providers. We currently have 3 trained subject mentors within the department and offer at least two placements per year. Our staff are constantly developing quality formative feedback and coaching skills and this allows us to offer excellent support to trainee or new staff.

Person Specification

Teacher of English Person Specification

The successful candidate will be someone with enthusiasm, initiative and very good subject knowledge. S/he will demonstrate a clear commitment to promoting the highest possible standards of achievement and developing excellent relationships with staff and students across the full age and ability range at St. Mary's. The person appointed will have a professional and personal profile that most closely matches the specification given below:

1. QUALIFICATIONS

- Qualified teacher status at graduate level.
- ENGLISH Degree/Degree containing substantial ENGLISH element.
- Recent professional development/teaching placement relevant to the post.

1. EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE and APTITUDE

- A clear philosophy for the teaching of ENGLISH.
- Knowledge of some strategies that will enhance learning and raise the attainment of all students in ENGLISH.
- Ability to use ICT to transform learning.
- Effective communicator – verbally and in writing.

1. PERSONAL QUALITIES

- Ability to form good relationships with both colleagues and students.
- Commitment to actively supporting the distinctive ethos of the school.
- Commitment to assisting with the development of extra-curricular activities.
- Resilience, commitment, ability to work under pressure and a sense of humour.
- An excellent attendance and punctuality record. (Please note that excellent attendance is considered to be 95% attendance over the past two academic years. Directors will take note of one off illnesses/absences and individual circumstances).
- High expectations of all students.
- Enthusiasm for career development.

The standard contact time for teachers is 25 out of 30 periods per fortnight (23 for NQTs), including a period of PSHE with your form and an additional 90 minutes of enhanced CPD time.

Job Description

TEACHER OF ENGLISH

All teachers have a responsibility to contribute to the realising of high standards of attainment and discipline in their classes and subject area. They are also responsible for the pastoral care of a form group. The duties should be discharged in such a manner as to actively enhance the Catholic ethos of the Academy.

Responsible to: **Head of ENGLISH**

Key Outcomes

1. A caring, Catholic ethos built on high quality relationships.
2. Increased proportions of outstanding and very good teaching.
3. Consistently high standards of attainment across all key stages.
4. A well-disciplined and stimulating learning environment.
5. Promotion and safeguarding of the welfare of all students.

The key outcomes will be achieved by:

Contributing to a Common Mission and Shared Vision through:

- Helping preserve the existing strengths of St. Mary's Catholic Academy and further developing its distinctive mission with the Catholic Church.
- Being the significant adult and main role model for a form group.
- Assisting with the implementation and evaluation of the ENGLISH Department Development Plan and the Academy's Development Plan.
- Implementing the Academy's Child Protection Policies and procedures.

Developing a commitment to learning by:

- Having high expectations of all students and promoting transformational learning and teaching that leads to consistently high levels of achievement for all.
- Working as a member of the ENGLISH Department to establish and maintain a highly effective team.
- Contributing to the development of Schemes of Work and lesson plans that fulfil and enrich examination syllabi requirements.
- Implementing high quality assessment and student tracking procedures that assist learning.
- Ensuring high standards of discipline through recognising and rewarding positive student behaviour and dealing appropriately with unacceptable behaviour.
- Assisting with extra-curricular activities.
- Assisting in the maintenance of a safe and stimulating learning environment within the ENGLISH Department.

In addition, to the specific duties outlined above you will be expected to carry out the duties of a Teacher as stated in the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.

These responsibilities will be reviewed in the light of the Academy's development plan and changing needs.

Safeguarding Information

Introduction

The Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its schools. The Trust complies with the statutory legislative requirements and guidance that seeks to protect children, including 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' guidance. In order to meet this responsibility, we follow a rigorous selection process to discourage and screen out unsuitable applicants.

Safer Recruitment

Job descriptions and person specifications make reference to safeguarding and child protection. All posts are subject to satisfactory completion of enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service certificate (DBS) checks. All advertisements include a safeguarding statement and commitment.

Application Stage

All applicants are scrutinised to verify identity and academic qualifications, Professional references are requested using our standard pro-forma for short-listed candidates. As a minimum, references should be from the two most recent employers and a Parish Priest if applicable. References are checked against previous employment history and gaps in employment. Professional references must be obtained from work email addresses. Our standard reference proforma makes reference to suitability to work with children and young people. The application form requires applicants to complete a disclosure of any criminal convictions.

Short listing

Only those candidates meeting the criteria outlined in the person specification will be short listed. All short-listed candidates will be subject to an online search as part of our safer recruitment due diligence.

Interview

Shortlisted candidates will take part in an interview and selection process. Candidates will be asked to address any discrepancies or gaps in their employment history. Candidates will be reminded of their responsibility to disclose any criminal convictions if they have not already done so. Proof of identity, qualifications and right to work in the UK must also be provided at interview.

Appointment

An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate (DBS) will be required for all appointed posts. Other pre-employment compliance checks will be carried out. This post is subject to satisfactory references which will be requested prior to interview, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, online searches, medical check, evidence of qualifications plus verification of the right to work in the UK. For teaching positions, barred list checks and prohibition from teaching checks will also be carried out. For leadership positions, section 128 checks will be performed. All staff will receive a comprehensive induction programme covering all aspects of safeguarding and health and safety.

Probation

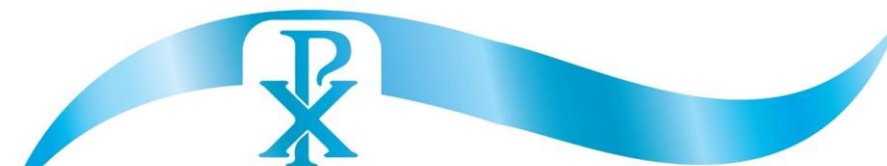
All new staff will be subject to the trust probation procedures for a period of 6 months. The probation period is to enable the assessment of an employee's suitability for the job and which includes a review of the performance of new staff in relation to duties, skills, qualifications and experience outlined in the job description and person specification. This will also include an employee's suitability to work with children and young people and their commitment to safeguarding and child protection.

Equal opportunities

BEBCMAT recognises the value of, and seeks to achieve a diverse workforce. BEBCMAT takes positive steps to create an employment culture in which people feel confident of being treated with fairness, dignity and respect, irrespective of their differences. The Trust is committed to the elimination of unlawful discrimination and to the promotion of good relations between all.

General Data Protection Regulation

BEBCMAT is committed to ensuring that the privacy of an individual is protected. By signing a contract of employment, the employee is agreeing to the Trust processing their personal data, including 'sensitive personal data' as defined in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), for the purposes of the operation, management, security and/or administrations, as well as complying with applicable laws, regulations and procedures. The information you provide (except Equality Monitoring Information) may be shared with partner organisations that provide services to the Trust. A full list of these organisations is available on request from the CFO.



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